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Left, the Canadian Skyhawks entertain the crowd at a past air show. This year's show is May 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature the Thunderbirds as the headliner. Also scheduled are the Twelfth Air Force A-10 Demonstration Team, Canadian Skyhawks and the Toyota Air Demo Team. Parking will be at the Speedway with buses running to and from the show throughout the day. See related photos on Page 14.

Nellis expects "Big Show" for 2000

**By Tech. Sgt. Patricia Collins
AWFC Public Affairs**

Scores of people from all over the United States are coming to Nellis to witness the spectacle of air power showcased during the Nellis 2000 Air Show May 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highlights of the air show include an exhibition by the Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds"; A-10 Demonstration Team; Canadian Skyhawks; Toyota Air Demonstration Team; America Online Air Demonstration Team and more. Static aircraft displays will include F-15E, F-15C, F-16, F-18, unmanned aerial vehicle, A-10 and other aircraft. Historical exhibits and aircraft include the F-260, F-4, F-86, MIG 17, T-6 and T-34.

"We want everyone to come out and enjoy the Nellis air show," said

Lt. Col. Larry Johnson, 99th Support Group deputy commander and Nellis 2000 Air Show project officer. "At the same time we need everyone to keep safety and security in mind." Some items will be restricted from being brought in by visitors. These items are coolers, pets, weapons, backpacks or carry bags (with the exception of baby bags), food or beverages, bicycles, in-line skates, roller skates, skateboards and private golf carts.

With the large number of spectators expected, people are urged to use Interstate 15 and exit at Exit 54, Speedway Boulevard, and to use Las Vegas Motor Speedway parking. Shuttle buses from the speedway to Nellis will be provided. Shuttle service begins at 8 a.m. and will pickup every 15 minutes until 5 p.m. According to Col. Johnson, only vehicles with handicapped stickers, distin-

guished visitors and vehicles with base decals will be allowed to enter through the main gate.

To facilitate traffic, N. Las Vegas Boulevard will be one-way (northbound) from Craig Road to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway and one-way (southbound) from Interstate 15 to the speedway.

Recreational vehicles will not be allowed to park on base. They will be directed to speedway parking.

Corporate sponsors of the Nellis 2000 Air Show include House of Blues; Texas Station Hotel and Casino; Republic Silver State Disposal; Wet N' Wild; SeaWorld; Arcata; Southern Nevada Toyota Dealers Association; Dyncorp; Prudential Individual Financial Services; America Online; Las Vegas Motor Speedway; Pioneer Military Lending; Nevada Range Services LLC; and MGM Grand Hotel and Casino.

SECDEF addresses food stamp eligibility, housing issues

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Secretary of Defense William Cohen proposes to solve a long-standing housing allowance "equity issue" in a way that probably could make more military families eligible for food stamps.

"This issue is about equity for our people. I support military men and women receiving every federal benefit to which they are entitled," Cohen said in a written statement April 19. He pledged to work with Agriculture Department leaders to "amend current rules so as to exclude the cash housing allowance paid to our people living off base from the computation for eligibility."

"This will provide the equity in pay and benefits we must maintain, while retaining the food stamp benefit for those who truly need it," Cohen wrote. "We have made great progress in quality of life issues for our military men and women — pay increases, pay table reform, restoration of the 20-year retirement, improvements in health care, and more generous allowances for off-base housing. We can do no less."

"I think this proposed change to the eligibility procedures for food stamps is one more way that we can further improve that quality of life, and I will work vigorously for its implementation."

Current food stamp rules count monthly cash housing allowances as income but not the value of government quarters.

Military members who live off base appear to have larger incomes than their peers who live on base.

Ironically, the allowance members forfeit to live in base housing covers their costs in full while a cash allowance by law is supposed to cover only 85 percent of off-base housing costs — but actually cover only 81 percent on average, according to Department of Defense statistics.

In January, Cohen proposed raising housing allowances to eliminate members' out-of-pocket expenses within five years. Unless food stamp income rules change, the current inequity would continue.

Families living off base would receive a larger allowance, but then report an even higher disqualifying income.

The military doesn't have statistics on members receiving food stamps, but DOD officials have estimated that less than one percent of service members qualify, and those that do generally have larger-than-

average families, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said. He couldn't say how many military families might be affected by the SECDEF's proposed food stamp change, but noted roughly 60 percent of those receiving stamps live in base housing.

Mr. Bacon demonstrated the food stamp issue by using the example of a married serviceman in pay grade E-5, staff sergeant, with six years' service and three children. If this person lived on base, he'd get base housing but no housing allowance, his pay and a monthly \$227.40 subsistence allowance. He would receive \$1,919.10 a month in cash — and qualify for food stamps, Mr. Bacon said.

The same person, if living off base, would receive pay, subsistence and a monthly \$530 cash housing allowance — and have a disqualifying income of \$2,449.10.

Some members of Congress have proposed a monthly allowance for service members who are eligible for food stamps. DOD considers the suggestion unfeasible and unfair, Mr. Bacon said during the briefing.

Mr. Bacon said DOD is trying to lessen the impact of food stamps on service members through measures that benefit all, such as this year's 4.8 percent pay raise and the SECDEF's proposed housing allowance increases.

Air Force offers additional \$5,000 enlistment bonus

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - The Air Force is offering an additional \$5,000 initial enlistment bonus to people entering certain career fields or aptitude areas in an attempt to bolster the number of recruits entering active duty now through May. This temporary \$5,000 bonus amount is in addition to pre-existing enlistment bonuses.

The additional bonus applies to eligible individuals falling into

one of three categories: recruits who have shipped or are currently scheduled to ship to basic military training between now and May 31; new applicants, who as of April 17, did not hold a reservation to enter the Air Force and will enter active duty now through May 31; and individuals who have a reservation to enter the Air Force on or after June 1, but agree to move up their date and enter active duty before May 31.

The bonus applies only to individuals entering one of more

than 100 selected career fields or aptitude areas, said Chief Master Sgt. Nathan Kostos, superintendent of operations, Air Force Recruiting Service.

"Applicants need to treat their enlistment contract as if it were an actual check signed by the Air Force, in fact, it is," Chief Kostos said.

"Payment of the bonus will take place only after recruits complete all required technical training for their bonus Air Force Specialty Code and no sooner than 30 days after arriving at their first

permanent duty station."

He said recruiters will review their bank of recruits scheduled to enter active duty after May 31 and will have contacted those eligible by April 20 to encourage them to move their enlistment date up and receive the bonus.

"The Air Force is providing an excellent incentive and we are running a full-court press to take advantage of this golden opportunity," Chief Kostos said.

To view the list of selected career fields, visit www.af.mil/news-paper/v2_n15_s3.htm.

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Slow down before someone gets hurt

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Covington
AWFC Public Affairs

Drivers on Nellis need to watch the speed limit, because Nellis officials are watching.

Speeding has become problematic lately and the 99th Air Base Wing commander is committed to stopping the problem before a fatality or injury. According to Maj. Paul Zabbo, the 99th Security Forces Operations Flight commander, more than 150 speeding tickets were issued in the first 90 days of the year.

"There will always be people who speed either out of choice or inattention, but it has become all too common," said Maj. Zabbo. "Speed limits are set for smooth traffic flow and safety. Driving the speed limit or less is really a matter of self-discipline and good citizenship," he said.

"We've got (on Nellis) a lot of children, a lot of assigned and TDY troops who walk, and a large number of people driving on the base," said Maj. Zabbo. "Speeding creates

a greater hazard in this environment."

To curb the problem, base officials recently purchased new radar equipment, repaired older ones and will step up enforcement. Additionally, the base security forces will make more use of "Smart Carts," trailers with electronic signs that display speed of oncoming traffic. "Hopefully seeing how fast they are going will remind drivers to watch their speed," Maj. Zabbo said.

Most base roads have a 25 mph speed limit. Some of the outside isolated areas of the base have speed limits of 35 mph. However, base housing and the base trailer court have slower speed limits.

It's the housing areas that concerns Maj. Zabbo and other officials. On-base housing areas tend to be congested with moving and parked cars mixed in with children. "That is why we have a 15 mph speed limit in base housing and 10 mph in the base trailer park," said Maj. Zabbo. "It may seem slow, but it absolutely necessary for everyone's safety."

Drivers caught speeding on Nellis will be assessed points. A driver is given three points for speeding one mile per hour to 9 mph over the limit; four points for 10 mph to 14 mph over the limit; five points for 15 mph to 19 mph over the limit; and six points for 20 mph over the speed limit.

According to Senior Airman Brian Saul, 99th Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis, drivers speeding 20 mph over the speed limit can be apprehended for reckless driving.

When a driver compiles more than 12 points in a 12 month period or 18 points in a 24 month period, they will have their on-base driving privileges revoked. For example, an individual assessed three points speeding on April 2 will carry those points for two years. If the total points in two years reach 18, then their on base driving privileges will be revoked. Commanders can also take additional steps against the military member.

The Security Forces



Photo by Staff Sgt. Molley A. Gilliam

These speed-carts are placed throughout the base to advise drivers of their current speed.

want concerned residents to call in traffic complaints to the base law enforcement desk. "We realize we can't be everywhere at once and we won't see every infraction. That's why we came up with a way for people to call in traffic complaints. They have a vested interest in safety in their neighborhoods, around their work centers, and on the base in general," Maj. Zabbo said.

Concerned individuals need to get the speeders' license plate numbers and call the law enforcement desk with the location, time and description of the violation.

A ticket can't be issued be-

cause a security forces official didn't witness the violation, but the complaint will be passed onto the unit commander.

While the base leadership is making every effort to put an end to the problem, the ultimate responsibility for obeying the speed limit, however, rests with the driver. "We don't live to hand out tickets nor do we have any quota to fill," said Maj. Zabbo.

"In fact, we'd rather not have to ticket anyone. We expect people to police themselves and to obey all the installation's traffic laws for everyone's sake."

Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Marianne Deaton



Unit: 57th Logistics Support Squadron

Duty Title: Maintenance Data Systems Analysis

Hometown: Custer, S.D.

Time in Air Force: Two years and seven months

Time at Nellis: Two years

Hobbies: Reading, playing cards and camping.

Goals: To get my degree in teaching.

Most significant Air Force memory: I had the opportunity to go to Al Jabber Air Base, Kuwait, for a Tuskegee Airman dedication ceremony.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James T. May III



Buckle up.
Seatbelts save lives!

Help solve a crime

The 99th Security Forces Investigation section has a "Secret Witness" Hotline. Nellis community members can call with information about a crime. Callers may remain anonymous. The number is 652-

Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

652-4636



Col. Andrew Dichter
99th Air Base Wing

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Andrew Dichter. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

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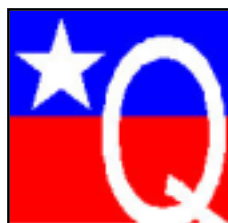
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A pool in Manch Manor?



I've been TDY to Nellis many times, and recently stationed here. I'm finding that Las Vegas with wife, kids and pets is just a little different.

As summer approaches, and my oldest child prepares to leave the nest, I'm concerned with what my 10-year-old daughter will be doing with her time.

I've been to the Youth Center, on the back side of Manch Manor, and believe it's missing one crucial element that would make it the unchallenged hangout of choice for the hundreds of kids that live in Manch Manor.

A swimming pool. I'm sure that this suggestion must have been brought up before, but not since I've been here. I realize that the budget is tight. Even if such a plan was approved it would probably take longer to complete than

I'll be on-station to enjoy.

A small contingent of adult supervision, and a great place for kids to hangout would ease the minds of most parents in the manor.

The pools on the main base are nice, but too far away for my daughter to ride her bike to, especially traversing some extremely busy intersections. With the exception of swimming, there's nothing to do at these facilities.

The youth center provides arts and crafts, sports programs, a reading room and playgrounds. A pool would be the icing on the cake. Thank you for your consideration.



Thank you for your call. You have a terrific suggestion — a pool on the west-side of the

base, in the vicinity of Manch Manor has considerable merit. With closure of the Thunderbird pool, due to its' age and high maintenance costs, the Olympic pool will be our only pool.

Our services personnel have initiated the long and seemingly arduous process of establishing the requirement and building support for another pool. A pool near Manch Manor is an attractive option that will be given due attention.

As you mentioned, the budget is tight and such a project will need to compete with other projects at Nellis and other bases. Bottom line, I can't offer any near-term relief for your daughter.

In the meantime, I might recommend some neighborhood car-pool to and from the Olympic pool.

If you have any further concerns regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Barbara Bettens with our housing office at 652-2919. The Olympic pool hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily once it opens for the season.

TRICARE beneficiaries with end stage renal disease, kidney failure, may be entitled to Medicare for primary coverage of their care expenses but need to check with the Social Security Administration to determine eligibility.

Individuals with permanent kidney failure are covered by special rules in the Medicare system, and TRICARE beneficiaries with this condition must first contact the Social Security Administration to apply for Medicare benefits.

It is important to note that TRICARE claims relating to treatment for end stage renal disease from beneficiaries who have not applied for Medicare may be denied.

Proof of Medicare payment must accompany claims. A denial will be described in the beneficiary's Explanation of Benefits statement, which is mailed automatically to every beneficiary any time a claim is submitted by a healthcare provider.

TRICARE beneficiaries who are accepted for Medicare coverage must contact the nearest military personnel office to have this information entered into the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Except for family members of active duty military personnel, TRICARE beneficiaries who qualify for Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, because of end stage renal disease and certain other disabilities will no longer be eligible for TRICARE benefits.

It is strongly recommended that, in addition to Medicare Part A, these individuals purchase Medicare Part B, which will help cover physician expenses.

TRICARE beneficiaries who are active duty family members and are accepted for Medicare coverage due to kidney failure may maintain dual eligibility. However, Medicare will be the primary payer for their treatment, and TRICARE will be the secondary payer.

The spouse and children of an individual with a Medicare-qualifying work record may also be eligible for coverage under Medicare Part A if they receive maintenance dialysis or a kidney transplant. This is true even if no one else in the family is receiving Medicare.

How long Medicare covers beneficiaries with permanent kidney failure depends upon whether the individuals are receiving maintenance dialysis or a kidney transplant and upon several specific factors regarding those

procedures. Beneficiaries with kidney failure who lose TRICARE eligibility at the start of their Medicare coverage may be reinstated in TRICARE when their Medicare coverage ends due to successful treatment.

TRICARE reinstatement depends upon the continuing ability to meet TRICARE eligibility requirements. Beneficiaries must obtain the details from the Social Security Administration and from their nearest military personnel office.

Permanent kidney failure can strike at any age. Affected individuals are eligible for Medicare Part A at any age if they receive a kidney transplant or maintenance dialysis and if they meet one of two other basic requirements.

An individual must be insured receiving benefits under the Social Security system or the Railroad Retirement Board, or he or she must have worked sufficiently long in government to be qualified for Medicare according to Social Security Administration requirements.

For more information, contact the Social Security Administration toll free at 1-800-722-1213. For current, specific information on Medicare enrollment, eligibility and coverage, visit or call one of the two local Las Vegas offices.

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TDY; an experience to remember

**By Airman 1st Class
Ann Critchfield
57th OSS**

During my recent deployment to Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Southern Watch, I learned and experienced many new things. I learned the mission and purpose of the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing. I was also involved in the many activities provided by the services personnel at Prince Sultan Air Base to boost over all morale. I discovered and explored many new sights that I would otherwise never had the opportunity to encounter. Finally, I learned many important lessons from this temporary duty experience.

Prince Sultan Air Base is home to a number of different organizations from different countries. In addition to the 363rd AEW, the following organizations work together at PSAB in support of Operation Southern Watch and promote stability in the region: Royal Saudi Air Force, Royal Air Force, United Kingdom, French Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, Theater Medical Surveillance Team, 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Support Squadron, Army, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 2, and the American Red Cross.

The current mission is to

enforce the southern no-fly and no-drive zones in Iraq. More than 3,800 men and women proudly serve their country to accomplish this mission.

The daily work environment of the 363rd Base Operations was not much different than the everyday tasks we perform as a team at Nellis. One exception was the aeronautical information systems was not used to distribute flight plans to the appropriate Air Traffic Control Center. Instead, the flight plans received, were faxed to the Riyadh center. After successful transmission, we would coordinate with the Saudi Arabian controllers in Riyadh to be certain the flight plans were "rogered." While there, our Base Operations delivered outstanding support for eleven assigned flying units including operations with Royal and French air forces. We also conducted important airfield foreign object debris checks, covering 1,500 acres of desert terrain.

The services squadron at Prince Sultan Air Base provided various activities to boost the morale. One of the ways that morale was raised was the recent construction of a Learning Resource Center. The LRC provided many services including free video rental, a DSN telephone room, which housed over thirty telephones specifically for

morale calls, a computer room with over twenty personal computers with Internet access, a library, a movie room, which played movies throughout the day and a game room. Several classes were offered for enrollment, and the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support and College Level Examination Programs were available.

While at PSAB, I was able to partake in a day tour of downtown Riyadh. I was able to see how the Saudi Arabian people lived, visit the ruins of a Saudi Arabian Royal family's palace, tour a Saudi Arabian museum and purchase some Saudi Arabian custom gold jewelry.

Merchants were given permission to come on base. They had a tent bazaar where they sold wares such as furniture, Persian Rugs, gold and silver jewelry and various other souvenirs.

For Christmas and New Year 2000, every effort was made to boost morale since we were all away from our homes and families. A Christmas ceremony was held to commemorate the event. Carols were sung and the base chaplain gave a message.

To ring in the New Year the services squadron sponsored an outside barbecue and several bands played.

I learned many valuable lessons on my TDY to Prince Sultan. One of

the important lessons was to appreciate the great country that we live in, because sometimes we don't realize the freedoms and opportunities we are blessed with in the United States until we see the civilizations and cultures of some overseas countries. A final lesson I learned was to carefully follow any and all safety precautions and directives the Air Force puts in place for any overseas base.

At anytime a real world situation could arise and it is extremely important to know how to react in these circumstances to not only save your own life but also someone else's life.

I had an enriching experience meeting new people and making connections all over the globe. I gained knowledge from working with a new staff, and learning how they operated at their home base. I was also able to see many sights and places that I may never have had the opportunity to discover.

I suggest that anyone who has a chance to go on a TDY jump on the opportunity to experience what it has to offer.

It may seem a little frightening to venture to another country and be placed in a new working environment, but if we pass up opportunities because of fear of the unknown, we can't experience all of the wonderful opportunities the Air Force offers.

Airmen getting one-plus-one rooms

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Five years into the one-plus-one dormitory project, the Air Force is giving junior enlisted members something most active-duty family members living on base have had for a long time — privacy.

Privacy has been a top priority in military construction budgets since 1996 according to Air Force officials.

A 1995 quality of life survey revealed single airmen living in dormitories had a lower standard of living than the children of many active duty members living in base housing, so the Defense Department presented the case for privacy to Congress, said Kathryn Halvorson, an Air Force housing management specialist.

"We required our airmen, who are highly trained professionals, to share a room, while DOD policy gives family members privacy," she said. Defense Department policy recommends private rooms for family members based on availability and gender.

To help alleviate the imbalance, Congress approved a one-plus-one dormitory standard in 1995 giving

residents 118 square feet of private living area with a shared bathroom and kitchenette.

In four years, the Air Force has built 9,600 new one-plus-one rooms. The service is committed to spending \$80 to \$90 million per year toward the construction and renovation of dormitories according to Maj. Ken Smith, Air Force chief of unaccompanied housing programs.

This amount will keep the Air Force on course for providing private permanent-

party rooms to all unaccompanied airman basics through senior airmen by 2009. The overall dormitory improvement program is expected to cost another \$1 billion through 2009.

"This is a high priority program and probably the largest single item in military construction spending (for fiscal 2000 and 2001)," said Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters.

With construction still ongoing,

not all dorm residents currently live in one-plus-one dorms.

In addition to the privacy offered by one-plus-one dorms, there is also some criticism.

"There are some issues under one-plus-one out there," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch.

"They tend to be on the size of the sleeping quarters because we've now created two different styles of dormitories in the Air Force."

Before one-plus-one, the Air Force built to the two-plus-two

standard, which provided a 180-square-foot room for two people, and a bathroom shared between two rooms.

"As we move to single occupancy, we'll have some people who will have a 180-square-foot room all to themselves, and then others will have a kitchen with a much smaller sleeping area," the chief said. "That becomes an issue to deal with."

According to Finch, all dormitory residents receive partial BAS, which allows them to cook some meals in their dorm rooms. However, not every airman living in the dormitory has a kitchen, and it will be many years before they do.

"We built dormitories in 1995 that were built to the two-plus-two standard," the chief said. "Those dorms will be around an awful long time."

While the issues airmen have regarding one-plus-one dorms concern Air Force leadership, the complaints aren't totally unexpected.

"We have a group of people who never had to live in the old dorms. The feeling of joy people felt from moving from the old dorm to the new one is yesterday's news," Peters said. "Unfortunately, this is a multi-service standard, but I think this is something that is going to have to be taken up again as part of a continual readjustment of benefits."

In fact, this spring, a review panel attended by representatives from each major command and civil engineering will meet to discuss future Air



File photo

This is Nellis' first one-plus-one dormitory, Bldg 706. It was completed in May.

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Force policy on one-plus-one construction.

“It’s been five years since we instituted the construction standard,” Finch said. “It’s certainly a good time to take a look at the design standards and ask if the one-plus-one dorms are doing what we intended.”

“If we start enlisting a large number of people who have lived on their own through a couple of years of college, it’ll be hard to get those people to move into a community environment again,” Peters said. Although the housing needs of the future are yet to be determined, the secretary said the Air Force remains committed to improving the quality of life of its junior enlisted members now.

“You hear a lot about family housing and privatization efforts, but the Air Force hasn’t forgotten about its single airmen,” he said. “The dorm program is where the first money is spent every year. We are trying to give them a nice place to live that meets their personal needs.”

Nellis Newborns

- February 27**
Master Sgt. Fredrick and Janella Green
twin sons, Joseph Wayne, 6 lbs. 1 oz. and
John William III, 7 lbs. 1 oz.

March 20
Major Kent and Deanna Chaplin,
daughter, Gabbrielle Yasmine, 3 lbs 11 ozs.

April 4
Airman 1st Class Jeffrey and Candace
Griffith, daughter, Sydney Taylor, 7 lbs. 15 oz.
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey and Senior Airman Kelly
Daun daughter, Chloe Rae, 9 lbs.

April 6
Senior Airman John and Jessica Chacon
daughter, Liliana Josephine, 7 lbs. 2 oz.

April 7
Senior Airman Anthony and Kathryn
Vaiasuso son, Anthony Joseph Jr., 8 lbs.
12 1/2 oz.
Staff Sgt. Malcolm and Carolyn Beal
- daughter, Jiana Carmal, 8 lbs 13 1/2 oz.

April 9
Senior Airman Steven and Airman 1st Class
Christy Johnson son, Nathan Joseph, 7 lbs.
5 oz.

April 13
Mr. Ritchie Parlero and Miss Anna Juinio
son, Bryce Matthew Parlero, 7 lbs. 11 oz.

April 14
Airman 1st Class Terriona
Sutton and Mr.
Jonte Kimbrough
daughter, Taylor Te’Ona
Kimbrough 7 lbs. 5 oz.

April 15
Airman 1st Class
Leroy and Akiba
Jones son, O’Shea
Zyrique, 7 lbs. 14 oz.





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Today

Drowning Mona (PG-13)
Danny DeVito, Bette Midler

North of Manhattan lies the quiet little town of Verplanck, N. Y. Nothing exciting really happens there. No one in this small town seems to blink when one of its best known and possibly least liked residents Mona Dearly drives her Yugo into the Hudson to her death. But, it wasn't an accident. Somebody wanted Mona dead. The biggest problem in Chief Rash's investigation was not who did it, but rather who didn't.
Thematic elements, language and brief sexuality.

Saturday-Sunday

The Next Best Thing (PG-13)
Rupert Everett, Madonna

Abbie and Robert are best friends with a lot in common. However, when too many cocktails and a twist of fate takes them to a new level of intimacy, they become parents. They decide to live together as a family. Theirs may not be the perfect family, but it is the next best thing.
Mature theme, sexual content, partial nudity and language.

Monday

My Dog Skip (PG)
Frankie Muniz, Diane Lane

In 1942, Willie is a shy and gawky, 8-year-old boy in Yazoo, Miss. He is an only child, ignored at school and uncomfortable with girls. On Willie's ninth birthday he receives a terrier puppy that he names Skip. With Skip's canine help, Willie starts becoming "one of the boys."
Some violent content and mild language.

Theater will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Is your pool algae free?

By Mr. Jeffrey S. Armstrong
AAFES Home And Garden Center

The days are getting longer and warmer so it's time to start thinking about pool maintenance.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Home and Garden Center carries many diverse products used for controlling pool algae and microorganisms, testing the pH balance, cleaning and maintaining a pool.

While shopping for products, look for algae and microorganism cleaners that fight algae and stabilize the water. These products, which reduce the growth of algae, can be purchased in the form of tablets, liquids or powder. Use a chlorine stabilizer to sanitize the pool water.

The Home and Garden Center also sells products to help maintain calcium. These products can optimize the water's balance as well as prevent corrosion of pool equipment and surfaces.

The Home & Garden Center carries three different test kits used to test the pool's chemical balance. It is recommended to chlorinate everyday and do routine maintenance by checking the pH level in pool water.

Checking the cleanliness of the pool's filter and cleaning frequently will promote longer filter cycles, cleaner water and lower pool maintenance.

Accessories are also available, such as curved brushes, leaf rakes and skimmers to help clean pool debris. The center carries all types of vacuums with adjustable handles for easy cleaning.

Hopefully these ideas and helpful hints will keep the pool clean and maintained during the busy season ahead. Stop by the Home and Garden Center anytime for more specific recommendations.





Nellis Living

American Red Cross 652-2106

Orientation

American Red Cross holds volunteer orientation at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. Fridays.

Bowling Center 652-2160

Sign up now to get into the Bowling Center's summer leagues. No experience necessary to have fun bowling this summer. Call for more information on days, times and leagues.

Chapel 652-2950

Weekly Schedule:

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service: 8 a.m. Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

Classes/activities

Catholic Religious Education Classes for age 3 through 12th grade each Sunday from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. A Sacramental Class is offered Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Adult RCIA: Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel annex.

Protestant Religious Education Classes (18 months-adult) Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

A Family Life Conference on Marriage will be held at the Alexis Park Resort May 5 through 7. This weekend is for couples who are about to

marry or have been married for years. Stop by the Chapel for more information or call 598-5367.

Men of the Chapel meet every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free lunch is provided.

Singles meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 652-2950.

Officers' Christian Fellowship is studying 1st Thessalonians at home meetings. For more information on Sunday night meetings, call 643-5739 or for Monday night meetings, call 869-9559.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel (grades 7 through 12) meet Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and are studying Desiring God's Own Heart. For more information, call 432-3849 or 453-3284.

Widows in the Neighborhood has a weekly Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Monthly activities include lunches, local tours, or attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Predeployment brief

This briefing is held Mondays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Job Fair

The Family Support Center is hosting a Job Fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Representatives from local and out-of-state agencies will speak about employment opportunities with their company.

Bring resumes, portfolios and necessary papers to complete an application.

TAP Strategies

This a 3-day workshop to help prepare for civilian life. It is offered in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs, and designed for retiring or separating personnel. Registration is required.

Military Spouses Appreciation Day

In honor and recognition of military spouses, there will be a luncheon and Information Fair May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. Senator Maggie Carlton will be the guest speaker. Please join us on this nationally recognized day to honor the contributions of spouses. To reserve a space, call 653-3380.

Real Estate Careers

Are you ready for a career change because of retirement or separation? Are you a spouse ready to enter the job market or pursue another line of work? Come and learn the basic requirements necessary to get your real estate license. Class is scheduled for May 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. Call and reserve your seat.

Investment Series

Investment 102-Mutual Funds class will cover the advantages and disadvantages, fees, fund objectives, load vs. no-load, fund values, evaluating performance and reading the prospectus and annual report. Class is scheduled for May 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feel free to bring your lunch.

HAWC 653-3376

Back to health

A back to health education class is offered every third Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Class is limited so sign up by calling the HAWC.

PACE

This class is designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, tone muscles, improve posture and relaxation through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the HAWC classroom.

TGIF

"The goal is fitness fun" run/walk is every Friday through June 9. All participants will receive 10 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup Competition. Individuals may start the run/walk before 7 a.m. Sign in after completing the 5K run/walk. TGIF will start at Runner's World by Freedom Park. For more information on the route, contact the HAWC.

Wellness cup

The 2000 Commander's Wellness Cup Competition continues. The competition encourages healthy life-style choices. The competition runs through June 9.

Touch of Health

The HAWC offers full massage and back rub therapy. Appointments are available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every first Monday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tobacco Cessation

The tobacco cessation correspondence course is designed to help individuals who can not attend the regularly scheduled classes at the HAWC.

For more information, contact the HAWC or the web site www.nellis.af.mil/units/99MDSSTobaccoCessation.htm.

Web page

Check for all HAWC pro-

gram information at: www.nellis.af.mil/units/

Mike O'Callaghan 653-3508

Sibling class

Sibling class will be offered monthly to children 3 years and up who are expecting a new brother or sister. Classes are scheduled for May 20, June 17 and July 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Prepared childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes are monthly for first time parents. Classes are Tuesday, June 6 and July 3. For more information, call the hospital.

Ticket and Tours 652-2192

New summer hours

ITT will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The 'Price is Right'

May 23 is your day to be the next contestant on *The Price is Right*. Cost is \$55 per person or \$70 for bus ride and admission. Reservations are limited to the first 24 people who sign up.

Veterinary Office 652-8836

Vet Appointments

Appointments are available Tuesday, Thursday, May 9, 12, 13, 16, 18, 23 and 30. Please call the appointment line at 652-2230 to schedule an appointment. If unable to make the scheduled appointment, please call by 4 p.m. the day before to cancel. As a safety measure, no children under 12 are allowed during vet



Nellis News

Nellis News and Nellis Living will not be featured in the May 5 edition but will return in the May 12 edition.

Air show volunteers

All air show workers are invited to the History hangar, Bldg 283 Bay A, May 5 from 3 to 5 p.m. to view exhibits and pick up free items. This includes posters, trading cards, memorabilia, books, pamphlets and other items. Workers must show their air show worker's pass. There will be a history hangar banner in front of the bay, and the historic aircraft will be parked in front.

FECA training sessions

Mr. Michael Labriola, Department of Defense Injury Compensation Liaison Office, has volunteered to provide a training presentation to Nellis employees on the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. Topics to be addressed include workman's compensation and responsibilities of injured workers and supervisors. There will be two training sessions Tuesday 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Supervisors desiring to attend one of these training sessions should contact Ms. Doris Lee at 652-5590 or Ms. Hilda Hope at 652-5204.

Chief positions

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs' Group is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant positions at: Kapaun ASN Germany for Kisling Noncommissioned Officers Academy commandant reporting no later than July 1, Warner Robins Air Logistic Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., reporting no later than July 15, 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., reporting no later than May 31; 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., reporting no later than May 25; and 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., reporting no later than July 1. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command is seeking volunteers for the Tyndall NCO Academy Commandant position, reporting no later than June 26.

Contact your Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 652-9073/9459 for more information.

ROWC

The Retired Officers' Wives Club will hold their monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday at the

Officer's Club. Social hour begins at 11:30 and the luncheon is scheduled for noon. For reservations, call 457-4050

Dorm managers needed

The 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, Housing Management Flight and Nellis personnel are looking for six senior airman through staff sergeant, for dorm manager positions.

Nellis is undergoing a change in the dormitory management process for unaccompanied housing management. We are the only base in Air Combat Command that hasn't implemented Consolidated Dormitory Management. After careful consideration and discussions, Nellis is now going to implement CDM. With this new program, we will be interviewing volunteers and making selections for these positions. Current dormitory managers are welcome to compete for their current positions being held.

Dorm managers who are selected will be placed on a two-year controlled tour, with an option of extending for one year. Squadrons will be backfilled if one of their members is selected. There will be no permanent squadron losses resulting from a

member selected for this duty. The dorm managers selected will be placed into one of the six slots authorized, which will mean they will work for 99 CES.

Dorm managers will be responsible to the Superintendent Dormitory Facilities for assigning/terminating dorm personnel, facility management, supervising bay orderlies, working with first sergeants and commanders, supervising self help projects, and managing furnishings.

If you're interested in applying for these positions please provide the Housing Management Flight with a current biography using ACC standard. Samples are available at the Housing Management Office. You will be contacted for an interview with board members. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Dawn Davis, superintendent dormitory facilities at 652-9244.

Remember these positions are vital to the success of the unaccompanied housing and quality of life for our airmen. We ask all commanders, first sergeants, and supervisors to canvas their A-plus people for these positions. Applications will be accepted in May.



Equipment custodian policies

By Senior Master Sgt.
Howard Lewis
99th Supply Squadron

Are you an equipment custodian? If so, are you aware of the immense responsibilities that are required of an equipment custodian in accordance with Air Force Manual 23-110, Vol. II, part II, chapter 22 and Air Force Instruction 23-111?

Equipment custodians are required to conduct annual inventories in order to verify that all items appearing on the Custodian Authorization/Custody Receipt Listing, CA/CRL, are physically present. Verification is solidified when the inventorying custodian signs the CA/CRL and returns it to 99th Supply Squadron. This is a legal and binding document.

Custodians are now required to

take the annual inventory one step further and perform a physical walk through of their entire work area and identify all equipment valued at more than \$2500. If these assets are not recorded on the CA/CRL the custodian should take immediate action to pick up accountability by contacting the Equipment Liaison Office or Regionalized Equipment Management Element .

Use of government credit card, for items over \$2500 must be for the purpose of ordering supplies from existing contracts such as blanket purchase agreements, etc. and not for purposes of items on the open market.

Any questions regarding equipment custodians and their responsibilities can be directed to the Supply Customer Support Center at 652-2224 or 652-28235.

Commissary improves for Nellis

To better serve and meet the needs of active duty military members the Commissary is planning the following changes with an implementation date of May 15:

- √ Thirteen express parking slots will be available for military in uniform. The slots are located on the North side of the Commissary by the sidewalk.
- √ The Commissary is opening at 6:30 a.m. for pastry and limited items. Organizations may purchase unit fund and/or Impact Fund Purchases also.
- √ The current store entrance area is being realigned for easy in easy out with lunch type items. Two portable registers will be utilized in this front entrance area for express type service items for military in uniform only, 6 items only. These registers are not equipped to take debit cards, so only cash, check and credit cards will be accepted. For all other purchases, register 18 will continue to serve military members in uniform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Lawn Facts

May is time to reset irrigation clocks to water sometime between 2 and 5 a.m., with waterings one hour apart.

For fescue grass set timers to run six days a week, 9 to 15 minutes at a time, and five days a week, six to 11 minutes at a time for Bermuda grass.

Check irrigation lines for visible leaks, fix broken sprinkler heads and clear plugged sprinklers and drip emitters.

Remove thatch - the matted layer of grass, root, and leaf buildup. This can damage your lawn and hide fungi and insects. It can be removed with a dethatcher, which is available for check out at the Facilities Improvement Center.

Grass that is too short or too long suffer summer stress much more than grass at the proper height.

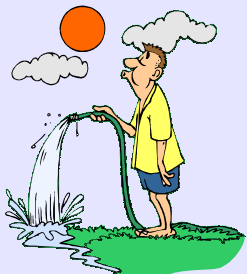


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Nellis Chapel celebrates Easter

Ms. Roxanne Jamison, Chapel secretary, and Chaplain (Col.) James P. ReVello replace flowers on the Easter display which features hundreds of orchids, calla lilies, irises and tuber roses. Chaplain ReVello and many volunteers combined their talents to produce stunning results. All of this is done to the honor and glory of God, said Chaplain ReVello. The chaplain and his crew are already at work on the Mother's Day display. Chaplain ReVello said whenever a major religious celebration is at hand, you can count on the Nellis Chapel community to provide superb decorations for their sanctuary. Come to the chapel and enjoy their handiwork.

Free Movie Tickets



Tickets to the Tuesday showing of the movie *Gladiator* are available at the Base Exchange and the Theater. The tickets are free to Department of Defense ID card holders only. The 7 p.m. screening will be held at the Base Theater.





Corporate Challenge results

Right, Jeffrey Mylar, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron, is in second place overall in r a q u e t b a l l Division A. Below, Contestants await the start of the 5k Walk Race.



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Photo by Mr. Tony Taylor

Above, Randy Hillard, 99th Security Forces Squadron, captain of Nellis Team, finished 3rd place overall for the 5k Run.



Photo by Mr. John Broussard

Above, Andy Kriakidis, 820th RED HORSE, participating in the Corporate Challenge Trap Shoot. He is also a member of the Air Forces Shooting Team.



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Left, Edward Venable, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, backs up to catch a fly ball during the softball game against a local grocery store. C o r p o r a t e Challenge events are ongoing through Monday.